

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

*Highlights of Discussion Draft**

**all estimates are 10-year figures*

Total New Child Nutrition Funding: \$4.5 billion

PROMOTING HEALTH AND REDUCING CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Estimated Spending: \$3.2 billion

Highlights:

Helping Schools Improve the Nutritional Quality of School Meals

- A performance-based increase in the federal reimbursement rate for school lunches — 6 cents per meal — will help schools meet new meal standards to provide children with healthier school meals.

National Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools

- This section will provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to establish national nutrition standards for all foods sold on the school campus throughout the school day.

Promoting Nutrition and Wellness in Child Care Settings

- This section establishes nutrition requirements for child care providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and provides guidance and technical assistance to help providers improve the health of young children.

Connecting More Children to Healthy Local Produce through Farm-to-School Programs

- Provides mandatory funding for schools to establish school gardens and to help schools source local foods into school cafeterias.

Strengthening Local School Wellness Policies

- The 2004 Child Nutrition Reauthorization established local school wellness policies. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will update the requirements of those policies by requiring all local educational agencies participating in school meals programs to provide opportunities for public input and transparency in the formulation of policies, as well as a plan for implementation and measuring compliance.

Supporting Breastfeeding in the WIC Program

- The fiscal year 2010 agriculture appropriations bill provided mandatory funding for a program to recognize exemplary breastfeeding practices at the WIC clinic and agency level. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act permanently authorizes this program within child nutrition law, and expands the collection of WIC program data on breastfeeding rates.

Improving School Food Financing

- USDA data suggest that federal reimbursements intended for children in the free and reduced price income category are being diverted from their intended purpose and instead are supporting other parts of the school food service account. The Act includes new initiatives designed to empower school food service directors, improve the financial solvency of the school food service account, protect the federal investment in healthy school meals, and ensure that low-income children receive the full value of their meal benefits.

Guiding Principles:

- *Expand program access to reduce childhood hunger*
- *Improve nutritional quality to promote health and address childhood obesity*
- *Simplify program management and improve program integrity*